

Res. 465, as amended, Recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; H.R. 719, as amended, Commending Russ Meyer on his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame; H.R. 1700, as amended, National Women's History Museum Act of 2009. The Committee also approved GSA Capital Investment Program Resolutions.

HONORING THE FALLEN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Honoring the Fallen: How Can We Better Serve America's Veterans and Their Families? Testimony was heard from Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; Katherine Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Departments of Veterans Affairs: John C. Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, and Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, both with the National Cemetery Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 294, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2009; H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2696, Servicemembers Rights Protection Act; H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; H.R. 2928, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an apprenticeship and on-job training program under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program; H.R. 3223, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and references for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 3554, National Guard Education Equity Act; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United

States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; and other draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Rodriguez, Carter, Miller of North Carolina, Loeb sack, and Connolly of Virginia; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

SOLAR HEATS UP

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Solar Heats Up: Accelerating Widespread Deployment." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NEWSPAPERS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of newspapers, focusing on the impact on the economy and democracy, after receiving testimony from Tom Rosentiel, Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, and Denise Rolark Barnes, The Washington Informer, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul Starr, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, New Jersey; and John Sturm, Newspaper Association of America, Arlington, Virginia.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", Time to be announced, SH-216.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 1207, Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, September 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

(At 3:30 p.m., Senator-Designate Paul Kirk, of Massachusetts, will be administered the oath of office by the Vice President.)

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

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